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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" In view of the answer given by the hon. the Minister, may I know whether, in order to make room for oppressed classes, elections will be postponed for district board presidentships until all the oppressed classes have had their share of nomination ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" My hon. Friend is wrong in his assumption."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what are the minority communities referred to in clause (b) ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" By minority communities I mean the depressed and oppressed communities."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is a resolution of this House restricting nominations to Mussalmans, Christians and Adi-Dravidas only ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The resolution does not say Adi-Dravidas, but only other depressed communities, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the claims of the hon. Member Mr. D. K. Syed Ibrahim Sahib, who crossed the floor recently and who is a Moslem were considered ? If not, why not ? "

Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—" May I know whether ever since this reform was introduced, a depressed class man or minority community man has been nominated to district board presidentship ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know whether the Government did not take into consideration the population basis on which alone the Government should have thought of either nomination or election ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As a matter of fact, the Nadar population is almost in a majority in that district."

Representation of the Varnia community on the South Arcot District Board.

*839 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names and number of the members of the Vannia community elected to the South Arcot District Board by the several taluk boards in 1928 ;

(b) the total strength of the members of that community in the District Board ;

(c) what the numerical strength of this community on the District Board was when they nominated Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi, M.L.C., in October 1928 ; and

(d) what were the special reasons for nominating the said Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi, M.L.C. ?

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A.—(a)

Number and names of members of the Vannia community.		Name of taluk board by which the members were elected to the district board in 1928.
(1) M.R.Ry.	S. Kuppuswami Goundar Avargal.	Tindivanam Taluk Board.
(2) ,,	R. S. Perianna Goundar Avargal.	
(3) ,,	V. Gopala Goundar Avargal.	
(4) ,,	A. V. Kandaswami Padayachi Avargal.	Tirukkoyilur Taluk Board.
(5) ,,	T. Govindaswami Padayachi Avargal.	Chidambaram Taluk Board.
(6) ,,	D. Rajarathina Padayachi Avargal.	Vriddhachalam Taluk Board.
(7) ,,	A. Jâyaramamoorthi Padayachi Avargal.	Cuddalore Taluk Board.

(b) Eight.

(c) Seven.

(d) M.R.Ry. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi Avargal has a considerable stake in the district and it was considered that his appointment would be of benefit to the board.

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" Are there any persons not belonging to the Vannia community having a considerable stake in the district similar to if not greater than that possessed by the gentleman that is nominated ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" As I have said, it is not a question of stake only. We thought he would be a desirable member on the board. He was recommended by the President of the District Board."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" Had the hon. the Minister any information at the time that this gentleman was already a member of the taluk board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir. This gentleman was recommended by the President, District Board."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" Had the hon. the Minister any information that this gentleman was not likely to get into the board by election ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" My hon. Friend evidently has more information than I possess."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know why a Mussalman was not nominated in the place, as this is a Moslem vacancy ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" There is no such thing as a Moslem vacancy."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know how many Moslems there are on the district board at present ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Notice."

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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Was the hon. the Minister aware at the time of nominating this gentleman, that the gentleman named last in clause (a) of the answer, viz., Mr. Jayaramamurti Padayachi, is the brother-in-law of his nominee, his wife's brother ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, the hon. Member possesses more information than I have."

Representation of Adi-Dravidas and Christians in taluk boards in Nellore district.

*840 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 148 answered on 5th September 1928, regarding the representation of Adi-Dravidas and Christians in the taluk boards in Nellore district, whether the information called for has been received by the Government ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—Yes. On the 30th June 1928, there were four Adi-Andhras on four taluk boards and one Christian also on one of them. The President, District Board, reports that an Adi-Andhra has since been appointed to two more taluk boards.

Alleged non-payment of compensation allowance to teachers under Kavali Taluk Board.

*841 Q.—Mr. B RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for the payment of a 'compensatory allowance' of Rs. 2 per month per trained teacher, are given to the Kavali Taluk Board every year ;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations that the teachers have not been paid that allowance from 1922–23 ; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon ?

A.—(a) The Taluk Board, Kavali, is receiving a subsidy of Rs. 5,160 every year from Provincial funds representing one-half of the expenditure on the payment of an allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem to teachers in its elementary schools, subject to the condition that the board pays the allowance meeting the other half of the expenditure from its funds.

(b) & (c) No.

Division of electoral areas of the taluk boards in Kistna district into polling areas.

*842 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the basis on which the division of electoral areas into polling circles of the various taluk boards of Kistna District Board is being made ; whether the division will be the same as that for the Legislative Council elections ;

(b) the reason for the decrease in the number of voters in the electoral lists of the Nuzvid Taluk Board, Kistna district ; and